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# **Turner forcing changes in CIA top brass**

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CIA director Stansfield Turner has forced his No. 1 deputy into early retirement and is making a "wholesale purge" of the spy agency's clandestine operations branch, sources told UPI Wednesday.

The sources said deputy director E. Henry Knoche already has offered his resignation to President Carter ending 24 years in the Central Intelligence Agency.

They said Admiral Turner is seeking early retirement from at least 20 members of the CIA's clandestine operations section, including the two top men in it — William Wells and Theodore Shackley.

While the CIA had no immediate comment on the reports, White House press secretary Jody Powell said Mr. Turner "has discussed his plans with the President, but not with regard to every specific change."